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SHORT SIGHTED POLICY.

BY A RECENT order of the war department supplies of ammunition and guns for civilian rifle clubs will no longer be issued at cost price. In fact there will not be any ammunition at all dispensed under authority of the department which is spending so many millions for the purpose of placing the nation in shape to repel invasion. From time immemorial rifle clubs have been fostered by the government with the idea of rendering every young American familiar with the use of firearms. The former has been given the preference for the reason that it was deemed wise as a means of preparing citizens for service in the army of the future that may be organized before expiration of the war. The most earnest advocates of this system of distributing munitions have been the leading officers of the regular army, who have contended that familiarity with the use of the rifle and accuracy in marksmanship would more than compensate for the trifling outlay which, after all, amounted to nothing more than the exercise of clerical labor to keep tab on shipments to the various clubs throughout the country. Even this cost was so small that it was an infinitesimal charge that was readily absorbed in the overhead expenses of the armories. If this argument was found effective in times of peace the question is prompted what excuse the government has for revising its policy of lending aid to civilian organizations. This is the time when every citizen should be taught the use of firearms and every encouragement should be extended to the men who bear the brunt of the service. The members pay the entire cost of equipping themselves with both arms and ammunition. The government receives the full value of the munitions which in the course of a year amount to considerable. Nye county has the reputation of having two of the best and most efficient clubs in the country. The members practice marksmanship for their personal recreation and at the same time qualify themselves for entrance to the list of marksmen in the United States army. The expense entailed in cultivating the art of target shooting is estimated by members of the Tonopah rifle club at not less than five cents a shot, which rolls into big money each year when it is known that a man spending a half day at the butts sometimes shoots between fifty and a hundred times during the few hours he has to spare from his business. In the regular service the war department assumes all the expense of special instructors and defrays the entire cost of ammunition besides supplying the rifles and revolvers used in practice. Expensive teachers are hired and camps are maintained out of the funds of the war department with the sole intent of contributing to the efficiency of the young soldier. There is no age limit to the membership of the Tonopah rifle club, and many of the members come within the registration period. If these men, recruited from Nye county, should quickly qualify as marksmen or sharpshooters, the government is spared a large percentage of the cost of preparation. Some allowance should be made for the results obtained through encouraging civilians and it would be a wise move for the country to supply not only the arms and ammunition, but to send instructors into every hamlet where there was a club of certain membership willing to indulge in rifle practice. Instead of diminishing the assistance granted from government sources the principle should be broadened to take in everyone willing to shoulder a gun and this encouragement should take the form of free arms and ammunition and instruction. A few old Krags have been sold the local club at cost price and the few Springfield rifles which will not be used in the European campaign are held at a premium since they have been withdrawn from civilian use. The matter should be taken up in Congress to find where the hitch occurs. The idea is monstrous. In the officers training camps the war department is paying candidates for commissions at the rate of \$100 a month and subsistence and furthermore assumes the cost of every article of equipment. Let this policy be extended and give the ambitious young and old men of every section of the country a chance to render themselves fit for active service and develop an enthusiasm that will go a long way towards taking a great load off the government when it calls for another contingent of conscripts to begin military training.

LAST DAY OF LIBERTY BONDS.

THE COUNTRY is just beginning to realize what it means to raise two billion dollars in the shape of a loan. At first it was treated as a matter of merriment. Certain statisticians asserted that a rich country like this would have no difficulty in making good the invitation of the administration for the absorption of a couple of billion dollars. The treasury department also felt optimistic over the expected results and it was only after the lapse of a couple of weeks that it was discovered that there was little prospect of the amount being subscribed unless some special effort was made to educate the people to the necessity for the loan. When Frank A. Vanderlip told the members of the New York stock exchange that the bond issue had not been oversubscribed, the announcement came as a great shock. Thereupon New York began an earnest campaign with the results that its proportion of the loan was more than filled, but the remainder of the country remained indifferent. Many people were beset with the idea that Americans could do anything and that the bankers' and trust companies were making it look as though there would be a deficiency for the purpose of getting the loan oversubscribed. The naked truth is found in the reports gathered at the eleventh hour which appeared in the Bonanza of yesterday. The loan falls short of reaching the total and there is not the slightest danger of an oversubscription. These optimists who have been waiting for the oversubscription are in line with the men who talked off a million men springing to arms overnight and who opposed the conscript law as a reflection on the loyalty of the people. The fact is that the regular army is still short nearly a hundred thousand men and the vacancies must be filled by the compulsory system of recruiting. If the people do not show greater earnestness than they have shown in subscribing to the Liberty Loan the country is in a bad way.

Dwight Morgan, the statistician of J. P. Morgan & Co., has

taken occasion to illustrate the meaning of raising two billion dollars by a very effective arrangement of facts. Two billion dollars, he said, was as much as the total assets of all the savings banks of New York state, which represents the savings of the people of that state for many generations. It equals the total indebtedness of all the cities of over a hundred thousand inhabitants. In some cases these debts represent the accumulation of a century. Because a man "cannot afford" to subscribe does not mean that he is among those who cannot subscribe. He is just the man who must sacrifice. None of us can afford to subscribe. We all have other places to put the money that we get. Subscriptions to the loan means sacrifices and, unless we are ready to make sacrifices, we might as well call Pershing back and cable the kaiser to come over and get us when he is ready.

With this number the Tonopah Bonanza enters on its seventeenth volume, marking continued publication from the inception of Tonopah. During all this time the Bonanza has been on the job under one editor and one management, always ready to fight the battles of Tonopah and to do its share in promoting local prosperity. There have been dark as well as bright days, but the Bonanza never failed to appear either in sunshine or adversity doing its modest bit in helping everybody to boost for the camp that has given a hundred million dollars in gold and silver bullion to the wealth of the nation.

Score one more for Nevada. The Liberty Loan in this state was oversubscribed as one of the few small states that did its duty. This makes the second clean score in response to the call of the president. The first was the quota of men enrolled in the regular army, a movement wherein Nevada was first to complete and first to exceed its quota.

Censorship should be established, and the soon the better for our boys who are going into the danger zone. There is too much braggadocio about the American ships that are alleged to have repelled subs which are bound to get them dead to rights some day unless names are suppressed.

Don't let any one deceive you into believing that any antidote for the submarine peril has been discovered. The losses last week were almost double those of the preceding week and Germany is building three undersea boats for every one that is sunk.

Pershing is as eloquent as a clam in the midst of the excitement attending his debut in France. Now if he could only gag some of the correspondents who are talking through their bonnets the insurance rates on the lives of American soldiers might be reduced.

When you come to think of it, the name of Ypres remains as dense a mystery as at the beginning of the war when the British Tommies christened it "wipers."

BASEBALL GAMES

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
San Francisco	43	29	.597
Salt Lake	35	29	.547
Oakland	37	33	.529
Los Angeles	32	36	.471
Portland	30	35	.459
Vernon	27	42	.391

Yesterday's Games

At	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	9	8	3
San Francisco	1	7	1
Batteries:	Prough, Burns and Roche; Baum and Baker.		

At	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	6	13	0
Salt Lake	0	5	1
Vernon	0	5	1
Batteries:	Hughes and Hannah; Johnson, Valencia, Mitchell and Mitze.		

At	R.	H.	E.
Portland	4	6	0
Los Angeles	5	10	0
Batteries:	Hall and Boles; Mals and Fisher.		

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	33	16	.673
Boston	30	17	.638
New York	26	20	.565
Cleveland	26	26	.500
Detroit	21	25	.457
St. Louis	20	28	.415
Washington	18	29	.383
Philadelphia	16	18	.364

Only one game played. Others postponed account bad weather.

(By Associated Press.)
 BOSTON, June 15.—St. Louis shut out Boston yesterday 3 to 0. Shout allowed only three hits and only one man was able to reach second. Not one of the St. Louis outfielders had a put out.

ARMED MERCHANTMEN WITHOUT PROTECTION

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—The fact that some of the first American merchantmen to be armed sailed for the war zone without waiting for range finders to be put aboard was developed in testimony in the senate naval committee's investigation of gun actions.

Chief Gunner Bohan, of the freighter Virginia, which had a brush with a submarine, when returning recently from Europe, testified that he believed failure to hit the U-boat was due to the lack of a range finder.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
New York	29	16	.644
Philadelphia	28	16	.636
Chicago	30	22	.577
St. Louis	26	22	.537
Cincinnati	24	30	.444
Brooklyn	18	24	.429
Boston	16	24	.400
Pittsburg	16	32	.333

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, June 15.—A triple steal executed by Miller, Cruise and Long in the fifth inning yesterday, followed by Hornsby's home run in the seventh, enabled St. Louis to defeat Brooklyn 5 to 4.

(By Associated Press.)
 CINCINNATI, June 15.—Cincinnati won a saw-saw game from Philadelphia 6 to 5. Both Mayer and Toney were hit at opportune times while the fielding was of a ragged variety.

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, June 15.—Chicago bunched hits off Barnes yesterday and defeated Boston 5 to 3. Demaree was hit hard. Smith's home run into the bleachers was a feature.

(By Associated Press.)
 PITTSBURGH, June 15.—Pittsburg had a man on every base in the fourth inning but was unable to score and New York won again, 2 to 0. Good pitching by Perritt and Jacobs featured.

PLAIN CITIZEN ROMANOFF PERMITTED TO VOTE

(By Associated Press.)
 PETROGRAD, June 15.—The council of elections has decided to allow former emperor Nicholas and members of the imperial family the privilege of voting, and also citizens of good standing, except deaf and dumb persons.

CAPTURED BY BRITISH

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, June 14.—Fort Saliff, on the East Shore of the Red Sea, was captured by British warships.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA WILL OPEN AS USUAL

(By Associated Press.)
 BERKELEY, Cal., June 15.—The university will open as usual for the fall semester despite the absence of 800 students and 15 of the faculty in the government service.

The man who is always telling his troubles should get busy at something useful; then he would forget them.—Albany Journal.

MINOR LEAGUES HIT BY THE WAR

PACIFIC COAST PLAYERS WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT BIG REDUCTIONS

(By Associated Press.)
 CHICAGO, June 15.—Suspension of 13 minor leagues operating under Class A classification after the Fourth of July games is urged by President A. R. Tearney, of the Three I League in an appeal to the league's executives asking them to act concertedly.

The war and the unfavorable weather conditions will make this action necessary, President Tearney believes.

The larger minor leagues, the American Association and the Pacific Coast League have been seriously hit by the war and bad weather.

Players in both organizations were asked to accept salary reductions of from 10 to 25 per cent and the American Association to curtail its operating expenses, reduced its umpiring staff from eight to four.

RUTH LAW'S AIR VOYAGE SPOILED BY EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, June 15.—Ruth Law, the aviator who started on her way to Chicago from St. Louis yesterday afternoon was forced to descend at Lexington, Illinois last night by the explosion of a gasoline tank on her biplane. Miss Law was not injured and the flames were extinguished when she landed.

PANAMA CANAL EMPLOYEES SUBSCRIBE TO THE LOAN

(By Associated Press.)
 PANAMA, June 15.—The Panama Canal employees have subscribed \$50,000 to the Liberty Loan. The average subscription is \$90 per capita. For the most part the bonds are to be paid for in pay roll deductions.

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